

SCS News

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Welcome, Officer Lapoint!

Have you had a chance to meet our School Resource Officer, Richard Lapoint? Stop by on Wednesdays and Fridays to say hello!

Officer Lapoint joins us through Project Aware as a resource officer. His goal is to help our students in any way he is able, to help keep our environment safe, and to bring resources, such as safety programs and learning opportunities, to our students. So far, he has enjoyed spending time reading with some students, chatting with students who need a listening ear or who want to share more about themselves, and getting to know everyone's name. 😊

Please feel free to stop by with any questions you have!

NEW SCS CLOTHING AVAILABLE!

We are excited to announce that this year we have zip-up hooded sweatshirts, as well as youth PJ pants, available to purchase!

Grab your order form today! Forms are located in the rack outside the front office.

The Fall order will be placed on October 30, 2015.



Kitchen News

The students are starting to receive fruit and veggie tid-bits on Tuesdays and Thursdays as part of the Fruit & Vegetable Grant. We will be trying different fruit to get the students acquainted with new items.

This year we have Mrs. Michelle Rodrigue working with us. ~~Welcome Michelle!~~

There are some new items we are trying this year on the menus like new Pizza Crust, Cheesy bread sticks, new soups, and many more. Check out the menus for all the new items.

Don't forget October is national Hot Lunch Month. We will be celebrating at SCS the week of Oct 12-16 (notices have been sent home). Please fill them out and have them back to the school by October 2nd. Thanks!

Gr. 5-8 LA & Social Studies

Grades five through eight have had a very busy start to our 2015-2016 school year. We have been practicing our routines, rules and schedule changes often, and we are finally starting to remember what times we switch classes.

Parents, please be aware that my students are required to read every night for homework, and to log their time on a reading log. This reading log is collected every Monday morning for a homework grade. Please verify that your child has read for the amount of time assigned, by signing their log.

We are having a great start to our year! Mrs. Stebbins

News from the Nurse

I am happy to announce that there will be some new changes with the health program this year. There is now a full time nurse at SCS, which means more health education and opportunities for staff and students!

Molar Express is coming October 12th. If you would like your child to be seen or if you have questions, please contact Mrs. Hodge, ASAP.

As the cold and flu seasons approach, please remember that if your child is sent home with a fever, they are unable to return until 24 hours after they are fever free without using fever reducing agents.

Title I News

Another school year is upon us! Mrs. Stebbins and Mr. Kennedy are working with students of all ages.

Mrs. Stebbins is assisting the younger grades this year. In Kindergarten she is helping with letter sounds in the alphabet. Grade 1 students are working on short a and short e words. They are also working on writing complete sentences. Students in grades 2 and 4 are working with comprehension and fluency in fiction and non-fiction books. In addition, Mrs. Stebbins is working with fourth graders on multiplication strategies.

Mr. Kennedy is working on testing all students to help determine their current reading level. Mr. Kennedy works in the 5-8 classrooms, assisting students with Language Arts (such as reading and comprehension strategies), Math, and Science.

Grade 4 News

The fourth grade students hit the ground running this 2015-2016 school year. They are working hard at perfecting their cursive handwriting skills in the hopes of being able to write whole paragraphs, in cursive, throughout the year. They have also been working on understanding all the parts of a paragraph including topic sentences, supporting details, and concluding sentences. They just finished a unit in Science on "sound" where each of them had to create an instrument that was capable of producing three different pitches and play this instrument at two different volumes. They came out great!!! Finally, we are already set to finish our first novel, The Chalk Box Kid. We'll see what kind of murals they can produce in connection with the book.

Resource Room News

Welcome back to school! My students are off to a slow start from the summer, but making steady gains. They have been trying hard on the NWEA testing being done on 9/15-9/24 for Grades 1-8. Parents, thanks for attending Open House. It's always great to talk about your great children! More news next newsletter.

K/1 News

K/1 has had a busy beginning of the year leading to many tired students and adults! We started out with a packed schedule right from the start. Kindergarten has been working on learning their letters, writing Frog-Jump Capitals (those that start at the top left, make a big line down, then hop up to return to the starting corner), and isolating the beginning sounds of words, as well as listening for rhyming words. First Grade has been working on writing complete sentences that begin with a capital letter, have words and spaces, end with a period, and *make sense*. We have read and sung songs from the Word Family Sing Along book and CD, and had spelling words that correspond to each song. Kindergarten listens to the songs, sings along, helps find the words, but is not required to learn how to spell them.

In Science, we had an introduction to Living/Nonliving things. We read about the life cycles of insects, and focused on butterflies and caterpillars. Unfortunately, we were unable to find any live monarch caterpillars so we couldn't observe them ourselves. Hopefully next year!

In Math, First Grade is easing into addition by talking about two parts of a whole (for example, if the whole is 9, two of the parts could be 4 and 5). Kindergarten has been working on learning how to count groups of objects and write numbers 1 to 5.

Second Grade News

Second graders have been off to a great start! We spent the first few weeks of school learning new routines and practicing skills that we will need to make the classroom run smoothly. This year we are doing a lot of activities in small groups. In reading, we have 3 groups that rotate around the room. One of the rotations is choice time. During choice time students have the chance to Read to Self, Read to Someone, or do Word Work. Soon we will be introducing Listen to Reading-in which students will be able to listen to books on CD/tape or on the iPad.

We are lucky enough to have Mrs. Stebbins in our classroom during this time. During math, we also have 3 groups rotating around the room. During this time each group works with the teacher, has independent time, and plays partner math games. Partner Math is games that are focused on skills that we are learning or review skills. Every few weeks a new game will be introduced and an older one switched out. We have also started our Community Unit in Social Studies.

Library/Technology News

September has been a very busy month for students! NWEA testing is complete (except for a few make-ups and finishers). Students tried their best and I am very pleased and proud of their hard work!

Kindergarteners are learning mouse-control in computer class. First graders are brushing up on their computer skills. Second and third grade students are doing some math games. Fourth and fifth graders are starting to learn formatting in MS Word. Sixth grade students are using "Word It" and seventh and eighth graders are using "Learn by Doing: Word". These two programs use school and workplace themes to teach students word processing skills from basic to intermediate.

In keyboard class, grades 4, 5, and 6 are reviewing the keyboard and working on accuracy and speed. Grade 3 students are very excited to start keyboarding and are learning the "home row" right now.

I hope everyone is still collecting box tops and soup labels! We will be having a raffle the end of October...more about that next month.

Also, the book fair will be October 19th through the 23rd.



Third Grade News

September was a busy month adapting to our new room and getting back in the school routine. We warmly welcome Kalie Patenaude to third grade at SCS!

We read our first novel in class together during this month, The Littles! We have also formally launched our language arts structure for the year, which can be seen on our CAFE bulletin board in the classroom. With this approach, during independent reading time each student deliberately works on his/her own specific reading strategy to become a better reader. Then, during conference time with Mrs. Hodge, each student shows his/her practice and progress. We also have small group instruction during some of our CAFE reading blocks. Your student will be able to tell you more details, but you are also welcome to give me a call.

In math we have worked hard on the difficult skill of rounding numbers to the nearest ten and to the nearest hundred. Place value for adding and subtracting is our next topic. Grade 3 has a much higher expectation for students being able to understand and apply math skills to word problems, so please be aware that your child will be working hard on that skill in all of our math lessons while also learning new procedures.

Our first social studies unit was about Economics, and our lessons explored goods and services, consumers and producers, and supply and demand. As part of this unit we designed Our Dream Playground and explored safety, budgeting, marketing concepts and mapping. At the end we wrote a letter proposing our idea, with detailed diagrams of each component and a map of the whole structure, and shared the project with our principal to see if we did create a fun playground that someone who was in the market might be interested in purchasing.

Back to School



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

October 2, 2015

QUARTER 1 PROGRESS REPORTS

OCTOBER 2, 2015

PICTURE DAY

OCTOBER 5, 2015

EARLY RELEASE

OCTOBER 8, 2015

NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 9, 2015

OFFSITE EVACUATION

OCTOBER 16, 2015

**At what time should
your child go to bed?**

		Wake-up time						
		6:00 AM	6:15 AM	6:30 AM	6:45 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	7:30 AM
		Sleeping time						
Age								
5	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	
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7/8 Homeroom

We have had an exciting start to the school year sharing our hopes and creating class rules together. Our day starts with a morning meeting that we call Breakfast Club. During Breakfast Club students are practicing speaking and listening skills that are part of the Common Core Standards. It usually includes a greeting and a team-building or sharing activity.

7/8 Math & Science

Students are learning about integers and rational numbers. Ask them about the four 4's challenge. They are also reviewing the step of the scientific method and applying them to real-world problems.

5/6 Math & Science

This year we have math stations where students are either receiving direct instruction, practicing, doing an application activity or playing review games. Life science is the focus for this quarter. Many students have displayed keen observation skills in the lab activities.